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REFS: A. MBFR 245 B. NATO 5113 C. STATE 196469

1. WE CONCUR WITH USDEL VIEW (REF A) ON NEED FOR EARLY
DECISION BY NAC TO AUTHORIZE AHG TO ASSURE EAST THAT NON-
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INCREASE COMMITMENT WILL BE CO-TERMINOUS WITH FIVE YEAR

REVIEW PERIOD. WE HOPE SUPPORT OF UK, CANADA AND FRG MENTIONED REF B WILL SPEED EVENTUAL ALLIANCE AGREEMENT TO TAKE STEP. MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE ITS GOOD EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL BY OTHERS. IT MAY UTILIZE ARGUMENTS IN REF A AS NEEDED.

2. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN ALLIES MAY OBJECT TO CO-TERMINOUS OBLIGATION. IF USNATO BELIEVES THAT TIMELY AGREEMENT ON THE CO-TERMINOUS COMMITMENT IS NOT ATTAINABLE, USNATO SHOULD INSTEAD SEEK ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT COULD BE FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD. BEGIN FYI. WE BELIEVE THAT SIMILAR FIVE YEAR DURATIONS FOR THE NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT AND THE REVIEW PERIOD WOULD PERMIT THE EAST TO DRAW THE OBVIOUS CONCLUSION THAT THEY ARE CO-TERMINOUS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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